

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
DECEMBER 19, 1956

This regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi held beginning at 8:00 o'clock p.m. of Wednesday, December 19, 1956; Councilmen Hughes, Katzakian, Robinson and Mitchell (Mayor) present; Fuller absent. City Attorney Mullen and City Manager Weller also present.

Minutes of the meetings of November 14 and 21, 1956 were approved as written and mailed.

PUBLIC HEARING

GENERAL MILLS
ANNEXATION

ORD. NO. 578
INTRODUCED

Mayor Mitchell opened the meeting to the hearing of protests to the proposed annexation of the General Mills Addition, comprised of approximately fifty acres of land adjacent to the present General Mills Plant. The City Clerk read a letter, dated December 6, 1956, from Mr. D. G. McElliot, General Mills Inc., giving assurance on the part of General Mills that the corporation will dedicate and improve the streets abutting the annexed property in accordance with City standards. There being no protests offered, Ordinance No. 578, approving the annexation, was introduced on the motion of Councilman Robinson, Katzakian second.

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

C.P.C. MINUTES

Mr. Weller reported that the minutes of the City Planning Commission for December 10, 1956, were devoted principally to the hearing before the Planning Commission of the proposed changes in the parking requirements of the Zoning Ordinance. At the suggestion of the City Manager the matter was referred to the City Attorney for study.

COMMUNICATIONS

ABC LICENSE

Application for transfer of Alcoholic Beverage License for Off Sale General to Charles W. Vollbrecht, Wilkie's Liquor Store, 11 S. Sacramento Street.

EXTENSION OF
FOLSOM SOUTH CANAL

A letter from the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, Sacramento, California, dated December 6, 1956. The acting Regional Director thanked the City Council for its copy of Resolution No. 1950 on the subject of the extension of the proposed Folsom South Canal into San Joaquin County. Mr. Murray assured the Council in his letter that the Bureau was pressing forward with the investigation as rapidly as possible and would continue to do so.

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

SUPER MOLD
PARKING PROBLEM

Mr. Weller reported that the Police Department had conducted a survey of the parking problem in the vicinity of the Super Mold Corporation on N. Sacramento Street. To

complete the report they have asked the Super Cold Corporation for a count of the automobiles directly traceable to operations of the Corporation or its workers. Mr. Weller reported that he had several conferences with the officials of the concern and has met with a greater spirit of cooperation than he has experienced in the past. He stated the officials now recognize their part in the problem and have given him their assurance that they wish to cooperate in reaching a solution to the problem. He stated they were concerned, that if they provide parking at this time which is not legally required of them, it might prejudice the position of the Corporation in the event of future building expansion. It was his observation that they merely wanted some assurance of fair play. He further reported that Super Cold is interested in the acquisition of property to provide off-street parking for employees. However, they have met with obstacles in their attempts to do this. They feel that they should not be required to pay more than fair value for property. As a result of the conversations, the officials of Super Cold have tentatively agreed that they would be willing to be guided in the purchase of property by values developed as a result of independent appraisals. Mr. Weller suggested that in order to secure an unbiased appraisal, the City could undertake to select and hire the appraiser. He stated the Super Cold had indicated they would be prepared to pay the cost of the appraisal, but it did not want to be placed in the unfavorable position of employing the appraiser and subjecting him to charges of bias in favor of the Corporation. Mr. Weller suggested that the City could advance the money for the appraiser and be reimbursed by the Corporation when negotiations were completed. Councilman Hughes moved that the City proceed to have the appraisals made in accordance with the suggestion of the City Manager as outlined. The motion was seconded by Councilman Katzakian and passed by unanimous vote.

ANIMAL SHELTER SPECS

Specifications for the construction of the animal shelter were resubmitted. Mr. Weller reported that in addition to other minor changes made in the original plans, it had been reduced by 310 square feet. He also pointed out that the incinerator had been eliminated from the present plans on the basis of information which has given the City Manager reason to believe that an incinerator might create additional problems. He suggested that at such time as the question was resolved, the incinerator could be installed if desired. The estimated cost of construction for the structure as recommended is \$20,500. He stated that the plans had been cleared by the Chief of Police, City Engineer, and Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. In referring to the gas chamber specified in the plans, Councilman Robinson stated that he was opposed to paying an additional \$2,000 for the special gas chamber. The plans and specifications were approved as submitted on the motion of Councilman Katzakian, Hughes second.

SPECS FOR
SANITARY LIFT
STATION

Plans and specifications for the construction of a sanitary lift station to be located between the Sewer Disposal Plant and Hutchins Sunset Park, were approved on the motion of Councilman Robinson, Katzakian second.

SWIMMING POOL
SPECS

Mr. Weller then presented specifications for construction of a swimming pool to be located in the John Blakely Park. Mr. DeBenedetti, Recreation Director, introduced the architect, Mr. Lloyd, who answered questions from the City Council. Mr. DeBenedetti explained that alternates were being requested for: (a) tile on the shower walls; (b) lighting installation; and (c) poured concrete as opposed to gunite. In response to a question from Councilman Robinson, Mr. Lloyd stated that he estimated the pool could be constructed at approximately \$30,000. On the motion of Councilman Katzakian, Hughes second, the plans and specifications were approved subject to the approval of the City Engineer, and advertising for bids was authorized.

BIDS FOR PURCHASE
OF 10 AUTO'S

Mr. Weller reported the tabulation of bids for the purchase of ten 1957 automobiles. He reported that two bids had been received. For the basic bid, Krieger Motor Company was low with the bid for ten automobiles, including trade-in, for \$8,067.27. The bid of Loewen Auto Company was \$8,628.40. He reported that specifications called for an alternate bid to include automatic transmissions for seven of the ten automobiles included in the purchase. He explained these seven automobiles would be used in the Police Department. The low alternate bid was submitted by Loewen Auto Company with a total price, including trade-in of \$9,575.33. The alternate bid of Krieger Motor Company was approximately \$9,742.67. Councilman Robinson stated he thought that all automobiles should include the automatic transmission, and he suggested that the purchase be made on that basis. Mayor Mitchell agreed that it would be desirable to include the automatic transmission. Councilman Robinson moved that automatic transmissions be included in all cars if the changes in the specifications can be legally made, and on this basis Resolution No. 1987, awarding the contract of the purchase of ten automobiles with automatic transmission to Loewen Auto Company, be adopted. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

RES. NO. 1987
ADOPTED

GASOLINE BIDS

RES. NO. 1989
ADOPTED

The City manager presented the tabulation of bids for the City's gasoline supply for the calendar year of 1957. The low bid was submitted by the Texas Company for the price of 23.6 cents a gallon for Ethyl gasoline and 21.1 cents a gallon for standard gasoline. On the motion of Councilman Katzakian, Robinson second, Resolution No. 1989, awarding the purchase of gasoline to the Texas Company, was adopted.

BIDS FOR CITY'S INSURANCE Mr. Weller then presented the tabulation of bids received for the City's liability insurance for the calendar year 1957. Of the five bids received, the bid of Reeves Company was low with the total of \$5,472.00. The bid of the present carrier, Great American Casualty Company, was the next lowest bidder with \$6,082.83. On the motion of Councilman Hughes, Katzakian second, the award was made to the Reeves Company with the adoption of Resolution No. 198a.

RES. NO. 198a
ADOPTED

PROCEDURAL ORD. On the motion of Councilman Robinson, Katzakian second, action on the adoption of Ordinance No. 507, "An Ordinance Providing for the Time, Place, and Procedure for Conducting Meetings of the City Council of the City of Lodi and Repealing Ordinance No. 101." was deferred to the next meeting.

DEFERRED

MAJOR STREETS
ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 577, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LODI REPEALING SECTION 3 OF ORDINANCE NO. 523, AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 493, ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LODI REGULATING TRAFFIC UPON THE PUBLIC STREETS AND REPEALING ORDINANCES NO. 64, 137, 222, 446, AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH", having been introduced at the December 5, 1956 meeting, was brought up for passage on the motion of Councilman Robinson, Hughes second. Second reading was omitted after reading by title, and was then passed, adopted and ordered to print by the following vote:

ORD. NO. 577
ADOPTED

AYES: Councilmen - Hughes, Robinson, and Mitchell

NOES: Councilmen - Katzakian

ABSENT: Councilmen - Fuller

Ordinance No. 577 was then signed by Mayor Mitchell in approval thereof.

DEDICATION OF
LAND FROM LODI
MEMORIAL HOS-
PITAL

Mr. Weller read a resolution from the Lodi Memorial Hospital Association, authorizing the dedication of land for the extension of Vine Street between Fairmont Avenue and Ham Lane. The dedication of the land on the part of the hospital is to be made in consideration of a waiver on the part of the City for charges for water furnished to the hospital prior to September 1, 1956, and on the basis that the City will receive a flat rate of \$25 a month, subject to periodic review. On the motion of Councilman Robinson, Hughes second, the Council voted to approve the acceptance of the dedication of land under the terms outlined in the resolution of the Hospital Board.

UNION OIL
DRIVEWAY RE-
QUEST

The City Manager reminded the City Council that at the last meeting a request from the Union Oil Company for extra width driveways for a service station to be located at the corner of Lodi and Fairmont Avenue was deferred for compliance with the City's set-back ordinance for West Lodi Avenue. He reported that Union Oil Company had resubmitted their plans which would

give them substantial compliance with the setback ordinance at the present time, but would require substantial alteration to the installation in the event of future widening on the south side of Lodi Avenue. He estimated that this would involve a cost of twenty to thirty thousand dollars when removal is necessary. He stated Union Oil Company was not willing to locate their structure far enough from the property line to allow for the future widening; however, they have indicated they would be willing to dedicate an additional 10 feet on the south side of Lodi Avenue at the present time if the City would bear the cost of the extra paving and improvement. On the motion of Councilman Robinson, Hughes second, the City Council voted to approve the widening of the south side of Lodi Avenue and to grant the driveway request for four 30 foot driveways.

CLAIMS

Claims in the amount of \$22,892.06 were approved on the motion of Councilman Robinson, Katzakian second.

PERSONNEL
REVISIONS

Mr. Weller then presented his recommendations for personnel revisions including amendments to the pension system and the salary and classification plan. Councilman Robinson stated that he preferred to discuss the pension question first. Mr. Weller explained the amendments recommended to the present pension ordinance. He pointed out that the proposed ordinance included provisions for increasing the contribution of the Police and Fire personnel by two and one quarter per cent of the first \$4,200 salary. The Police and Fire personnel would then be receiving contribution from the City equal to that being made to other City employees for social security. Ordinance No. 579, amending the pension ordinance, was then introduced on the motion of Councilman Hughes, Katzakian second.


ORD. NO. 579
INTRODUCED

SALARY SURVEY

Mr. Weller then explained that he had just completed a survey of salaries paid to City employees. It was held in conjunction with a classification survey conducted by the State Personnel Board. Councilman Robinson questioned the basis for surveying salaries. He asked if the survey should not be based on changes in the cost of living index rather than the level of wages paid in other cities and in other businesses within the City. Mr. Weller replied that generally speaking, salaries had increased faster than the cost of living and it is therefore not a valid instrument in surveying salaries. Mr. Weller then invited Mr. H. G. Fishback, State Personnel Board to explain the purpose of the classification survey and the methods employed. Councilman Robinson stated that he questioned the procedure followed in notifying employees of the salary recommendation prior to its presentation to the City Council. He stated he felt that this put

the City Council on the spot. Mr. Weller explained that since the salary survey was carried out in conjunction with the classification survey; and because it is the standard procedure with the State Personnel Board to notify employees of the recommendation the Board intends to make regarding the employees salary, he felt there was no alternative. If an employee is to be offered the opportunity to question the classification recommended for his job, the salary he is to receive with the resolution is a necessary factor to be considered by him. Councilman Hughes then moved, Katzakian second, the adoption of Resolution No. 1990, approving the class specifications as recommended by the State Personnel Board. Councilman Robinson protested that he was not in favor of taking action on the matter at this time because he needed more time to study the proposal. He pointed out that he had taken no position in opposition to the recommendation, but he had not had sufficient time to give the matter full consideration. The motion of Councilman Hughes and the second of Councilman Katzakian was then withdrawn. On the motion of Councilman Robinson, Katzakian second, the Council voted to defer action on Resolution No. 1990, for the purpose of allowing more time for study, but with the intent to take action on the resolution during the month of January, 1957, to be effective January 1, 1957. Mr. Weller then reported to the City Council that he had received requests for additional fringe benefits from various City employees. These requests included a City paid hospitalization plan, a third week of vacation for employees with over ten years service, and a new shift arrangement in the Fire Department. In conjunction with these requests, he pointed out that the Police Department has asked on several occasions that their work week be reduced from forty-two to forty hours. Councilman Robinson stated that he did not feel he could consider both a salary increase and fringe benefits at the same time. It was generally agreed that the question of salaries and fringe benefits be given future study with action to be taken at the January 2 meeting to be effective January 1, 1957.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 o'clock on the order of the Mayor.


ATTEST: HENRY A. GRAVES JR.
City Clerk